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Listing of Claims

- 1. (currently amended) A process comprising contacting PO3G having an initial color APHA of at least 50 with about 1 to about 5 weight % of the activated carbon based on the weight of the PO3G activated carbon at a temperature from about 25 °C to about 100 °C, and separating the PO3G and earbon black activated carbon, wherein the PO3G, after contact with the activated carbon, has a molecular weight of about 250 to about 5000 and a APHA color of less than about 50.
- (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the color of the PO3G, after contact with the activated carbon, has a APHA color of less than about 40.
- (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the color of the PO3G, after contact with the activated carbon, has a APHA color of less than 30.
- 4. (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the color of the PO3G, after contact with the activated carbon, has a APHA color of less than about 20.
- (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the PO3G has a molecular weight of about 500 to about 4000.
- 6. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the PO3G has a molecular weight of about 1000 to about 3000.
- 7. (canceled)
- 8. (canceled)
- 9. (canceled)

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- 10. (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the PO3G is contacted with about 1 to about 3 weight % of the activated carbon based on the weight of the PO3G.
- 11. (canceled)
- 12. (canceled)
- 13. (original) The process of claim 1, wherein the contacting is conducted for a period of about 5 to about 60 minutes.
- 14. (original) The process of claim 13, wherein the contacting is conducted for a period of about 10 to about 30 minutes.
- 15. (canceled)
- 16. (currently amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the PO3G has a APHA color, before contact with adsorbent activated carbon, of about 70 to about 300.
- 17. (currently amended) The process of claim 46 1, wherein the APHA color, before contact with adsorbent activated carbon, is about 85 to about 250.
- 18. (cancelled)
- 19. (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the APHA color is reduced by at least about 25%.
- 20. (previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the APHA color is reduced by at least about 40%.
- 21. (canceled)

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- (currently amended) A process comprising:
 - a. providing reactant comprising 1,3-propanediol and polycondensation catalyst;
 - b. polycondensing the reactant to PO3G having color;
 - c. contacting the PO3G with activated carbon_at a temperature from about 25 °C to about 100 °C; and
 - d. separating the PO3G and adsorbent activated carbon, wherein the color of the PO3G, after contact with the activated carbon, has a APHA color of less than about 50.
- 23. (previously presented) The process of claim 22, wherein the PO3G is contacted with about 0.1 to about 5 weight % of the activated carbon based on the weight of the PO3G.
- 24. (currently amended) A product comprising: (i) PO3G having color and (ii) adsorbent activated carbon, wherein the PO3G has a APHA color of less than about 50.
- 25. (original) The product of claim 24, wherein the PO3G has a APHA color of less than about 40.
- 26. (original) The product of claim 24, wherein the color of the PO3G wherein the PO3G has a APHA color of less than 30.
- 27. (original) The product of claim 24, wherein the color of the PO3G has a APHA color of less than about 20.
- 28. (canceled)
- 29. (cancelled)
- 30. (currently amended) The product of claim 24, containing about 0.25% to about 5 % adserbent activated carbon.

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31. (original) The product of claim 24, containing about 1% to about 3% activated carbon.

32-24. (canceled)